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SUBJECT: MALIAN PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MAURITANIA

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SUMMARY: MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE MADE 24 HOUR OFFICIAL VISIT TO MAURITANIA JUNE 16-17. VISIT PRECEDED BY JUNE 11-14 VISIT OF MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES SAMBA CISSOKHO. BOTH VISITS GIVEN EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY BY MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT WITH FOCUS UPON INCREASING COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS COMMONALITY OF VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL AGRICAN ORGANIZATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. MALIAN PRESIDENT, MOUSSA TRAORE, ARRIVED IN NOUAKCHOTT THURSDAY MORNING JUNE 16. DURING HIS 24 HOUR VISIT PRESIDENT
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TRAORE MET WITH PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH, TOURED NATIONAL MUSEUM, AND MET WITH VISITING SENEGALESE MINISTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WATER RESOURCES, ADRIEN SENGHOR, ROTATING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF SENEGAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (OMVS). AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT TRAORE NOTED FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MALI AND MAURITANIA AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE TWO COUNTRIES PLACE ON REGIONAL PROGRAMS. HE

DECLARED THAT, AS NEW PRESIDENT OF WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (CEAO), HE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE ORGANIZATION TOWARD OBJECTIVES OUTLINED AT ABIDJAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

2. PRESIDENTS BRIEF VISIT WAS PRECEDED BY THREE DAY VISIT (JUNE 11-14) BY MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES SAMBA CISSAKHO AND DELEGATION INCLUDING MAMEDOU DIARRA, MALIAN AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA; DJBRILLA MIJA, CHIEF OF LEGAL DIVISION AND YAHYA DIARRA, CHIF MQRTILATERAL DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY; AND SAGAI DOU FELY MAIYA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FINANCE AND COMMERCE MINISTRY. MAURITANIAN HOST DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MDI OULD MOUKNASS. VISIT INCLUDED ONE DAY TRIP TO NOUADHIBOU. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CHIEFS OF TWO DELEGATIONS ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING COMMISSION OF MAURITANIN/MALIAN COOPERATION CHARGED WITH PROMOTION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THROUGH INCREASED ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. COMMUNIQUE DECLARED COMMISSION WILL ALSO WORK TOWARD STRENGTHENED REGIONAL TIES AND EMPHASIZED POSITIVE IMPACT OF OMVS, CDEAO AND CEAO. COMMUNIQUE HIGHLIGHTED COMMITMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO PRINCIPLES OF OAU CHARTER, AFRICAN/ARAB SOLIDARITY, AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3.COMMENT: (A) SEQUENTIAL VISITS BY PRESIDENT TRAORE AND FOREIGN MINISTER CISSOKHO ARE LATEST IN SERIES OF MAURITANIAN/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MALIAN EXCHANGES WHICH BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER NOVEMBER 1976 ATTACK ON NE'MA WHEN MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTS CABINET FLEW TO BAMAKO TO OBTAIN RIGHT OF HOT PURSUIT OF WITHDRAWING POLISARIO ATTACK FORCES ACROSS FRONTIER INTO MALI. FOLLOWING LISTING OF PUBLICIZED EXCHANGES MAY NOT BE COMPLETE INVENTORY OF VISITS:

(1) GIRM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH VISIT TO BAMAKO-JANUARY 29-30, 1977;

(2) MALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE KISSIMA DOUKARA VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT - FEBRUARY 1977

(3) MAURITANIAN GENDARMERIE COMMANDER BOIDE VISIT TO BAMAKO - MARCH 1977;

(4) GIRM MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTH SALAH VISIT TO BAMAKO - MARCH 1977;

(5) MALIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SECURITY SERVICES COLONEL THIECORO BAKAYOKO VISIT TO MAURITANIA - MAY 1977.

SINCE MALIANS HAVE DECLINED GRANT HOT PURSUIT, ISSUE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED AGAIN DURING RECENT VISITS.

(B) VISIT BY PRESIDENT TRAORE AND FOREIGN MINISTER CISSAKHO
ALSO HAD CLEAR REGIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION
OBJECTIVE. IN ADDITION TO EXPLICIT, PUBLIC FOCUS ON OMVS,
SENIOR GIRM AND GOM OFFICIALS ALMOST CERTAINLY DISCUSSED:
(A) REACTIONS TO AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION SECURITY ARRANGEMENT
CONCLUDED BY SIX (OR SEVEN) WEST AFRICAN STATES DURING
COURSE RECENT CEAO MEETING IN ABIDJAN, AND (B) COMMON DIPLOMATIC
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